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MAN SENTENCED FOR PASSPORT FRAUD

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced today that FITZROY CAMPBELL, 33, of Irvington, NJ, was sentenced to serve one year of probation for committing passport fraud. Campbell pled guilty in March to one charge of passport fraud in U. S. District Court in Concord. Campbell was taken into custody after his sentencing by Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which will now be seeking his deportation.

Campbell, a Jamaican national, admitted to falsely claiming to have been born in the U. S. Virgin Islands, and to have submitted a counterfeit Virgin Islands birth certificate, along with a passport application form, in February of 2001. The case resulted from an extensive investigation by the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Service from the "National Passport Center" in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono highly commended the U. S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Service for what he termed the "exceptionally diligent and efficient" handling of the investigation, which is part of the government's "Operation Checkmate" initiative.

Campbell was sentenced by U. S. District Judge Joseph DiClerico. Assistant U. S. Attorney Al Rubega prosecuted this case.